

February 8, 2007

#### VIA ECFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 06-172: Verizon's Petitions for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §160(c) in the Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Providence, and Virginia Beach Metropolitan Statistical Areas; RM-11358: Petitions for Rulemaking and Clarification Regarding the Commission's Rules Applicable to Retirement of Copper Loops and Copper Subloops; WT Docket No. 05-96: Rules for Wireless Broadband Services in the 3650-3700 MHz Band; ET Docket No. 04-151: Wireless Operations in the 3650-3700 MHz Band

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 7, 2007, Charlie Hoffman, Jim Kirkland, Chris McKee and I, all of Covad Communications, met with Commissioner Adelstein; Barry Ohlson, Commissioner Adelstein's Senior Legal Advisor; and Scott Bergmann, Commissioner Adelstein's Legal Advisor for Wireline Issues to discuss Covad's business generally and the above-referenced proceedings in a manner consistent with advocacy already included in the records of those proceedings. A copy of materials discussed in the meeting is attached.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b), an electronic copy of this notice is being filed in each of the above-referenced proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

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Covad Communications Group Inc. February 2007
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# **Covad Communications Group Inc.**Covad at a Glance

Covad is a national, facilities-based provider of voice and broadband services

- Founded in 1996, recently celebrated 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, ~1,000 employees
- As a leading next-generation communications service provider, we are transforming communications through broadband innovation
  - Largest national ADSL2+ network (allowing residential broadband speeds of up to 25 Mbps) with capabilities to deliver next generation broadband and voice services to over 14 million homes and businesses
  - Market leader with our direct Hosted VoIP (fully outsourced and managed) services to the Small to Mid-sized Business market
  - Leading fixed wireless broadband provider (speeds from 1-100 Mbps) for businesses, uniquely positioned to capitalize on the emergence of WiMAX
  - Wholesale partnerships enable innovative and competitive broadband and voice services to residential market – our customers include EarthLink, AT&T, and Verizon Business
- Making an excellent customer experience our #1 priority
  - 532,000 Access Lines
  - 2,500 VoIP Sites (47,000 users)
  - 3,100 Wireless Customers

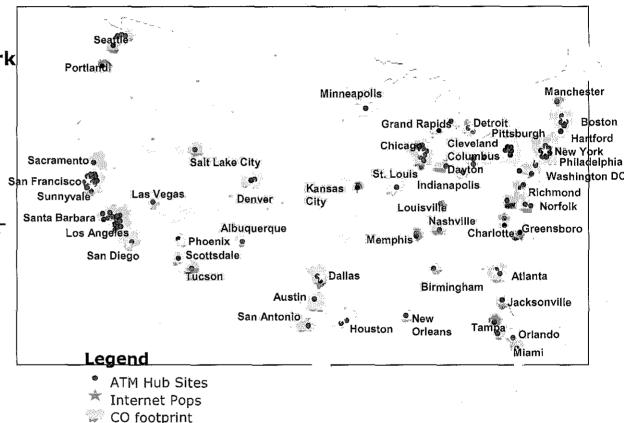


### **Covad Communications Group Inc.**

Unique Market Position

Largest National, Facilities-based, Next-Generation Communications Service Provider

- 2,050 COs in 235 MSAs
- Next-generation network
  - 758 COs in top 11 markets\*
  - Capable of serving  $\sim$ 14M+ homes and businesses
  - LPVA, Bonded T1, ADSL 2+, MetroEthernet, Video, G.SHDSL capabilities
- 100+ wireless base stations passing 500k+ businesses
  - SF Bay Area, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Chicago



<sup>\*</sup> Next generation markets include: Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, Miami, New York City, Philadelphia, San Diego, San Francisco/San Jose, Seattle, Washington, DC

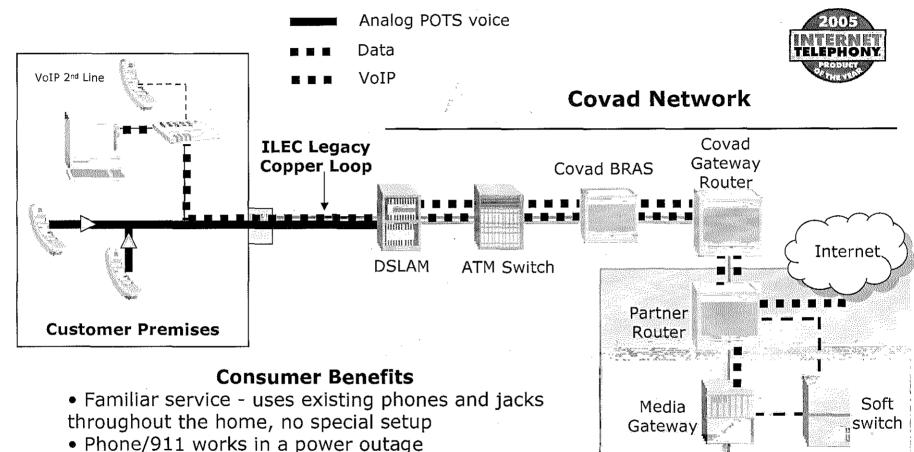


## Regulatory Stability Means Competition, Lower Prices, and Better Services for Consumers and Businesses

- Competitive carriers have enjoyed nearly two years of regulatory stability and have responded by investing billions of dollars in new facilities and services
- Recent AT&T/BellSouth merger conditions ensure stable regulatory environment through the end of the decade
  - Rate freeze for telco network elements used by competitive carriers until 2010
  - No forbearance petitions with the FCC during this time
  - In short, the largest incumbent phone company has agreed that no further tinkering with procompetitive network access requirements is needed
- FCC has already deregulated new broadband facilities of telcos
  - Telcos now have full parity with cable company broadband services
- Further fine tuning of telecom regulation will only bring back uncertainty, new waves of litigation and stalled investment
- With deregulation of investment in new facilities, the only remaining regulations are minimal, pro-competitive network access requirements that allow carriers like Covad to utilize legacy copper loops that telcos built out many years ago
- Covad connects these legacy loops to its state of the art network to provide innovative new data, voice, and other services to businesses and consumers
  - Verizon Forbearance Petition would remove this important source of competition with no corresponding benefit



#### Covad Uses Legacy Copper to Provide Innovative New Services – Voice/VOIP/ADSL 2+ Bundle



- Phone/911 works in a power outage
- All normal voice functions plus VOIP features
- ADSL 2+ broadband speeds up to 8 Mbps, higher speeds coming
- Voice/broadband bundle priced significantly less than equivalent telco service
- Next generation network also supports video
- Available now to 14 million homes and businesses

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**Partner Network Elements**